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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DOT FOR RAMUNDO TPI-42

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TAGS: TGEN, ETRN, US, UR

SUBJ: US-USSR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION: RAIL (05.03):

EXCHANGE OF RAIL TIES, COUPLER

1. LEVTONOV 4 FEBRUARY INFORMED EMBOFF OF CURRENT SITUATION RE:
DELIVERY OF TIES. FOLLOWING POINTS DISCUSSED:

(A). SHIP DOCKING 10 FEBRUARY IN "NEW YORK PORT," ACCORDING TO
SCHEDULE AT MINISTRY. LEVTONOV SAID THAT PORT ELIZABETH IS
PART OF NYP, AND SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH SOVIET AGENTS IN NEW
YORK FOR PARTICULARS.

(B). TIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO CONSIGNEE BY SOVIET "EXTERNAL TRANS-
PORT" ORGANISATION, SOYUZVNESHTRANS (MINRAIL WILL LATER REIMBURSE
THAT ORGANIZATION).

(C). CAPTAIN OF SHIP IS V.K. SHEVELEV. SCST HAS SENT TELEGRAM
TO MIN MERCHANT MARINE TO REQUEST HIS BEING INFORMED, AND IS
NOW VERIFYING THAT SUCH HAS BEEN DONE.

(D). THE TWELVE TIES WEIGH 250KG EACH. THE STACK IS
1M X 1M X 1.8 M. LEVTONOV SAYS THAT NO VALUE HAS
BEEN FIXED, BUT THAT FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES, HIS "GUESS"
WOULD BE TEN RUBLES/TIME.

(E). SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IN
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CONJUNCTION WITH TRANSFER, AND REQUESTS THAT

SCI COUNS GUBKIN AND COL. RAMUNDO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. PLEASE ADVISE RE: ANY ARRANGEMENTS (E).
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